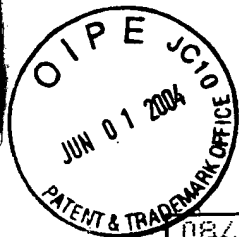


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Commissioner of Patents.

The Board's request for clarification as to the entry, of the amendment of November 22, 1993 is noted and clarification appears below:

The amendment, of November 22, 1993, has been entered.

The entry of the aforementioned amendment does render the instant claims allowable.

The ultimate claimed composition is still defined as a solid pheromone entrapped composition and therefore unpatentable over the prior art of record.

Accordingly, no reason is seen for withdrawing from the position of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to appellant's brief on appeal filed
09/19/94.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief
is correct.

STATUS OF THE AMENDMENTS

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after
final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The summary of invention contained in the brief is correct.

ISSUES

The appellant's statement of the issues in the brief is
correct.

GROUPINGS OF THE CLAIMS

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Appellant's brief includes a statement that claims 1-19 do not stand or fall together and provides reasons as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c)(5) and (c)(6).

CLAIMS APPEALED

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

PRIOR ART OF RECORD

The following is a listing of the prior art of record relied upon in the rejection of claims under appeal.

British Patent 1336495	CIBA-GEIGY	11-1973
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NO NEW PRIOR ART

No new prior art has been applied in this examiner's answer.

GROUND OF REJECTION

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 USC 112. This rejection is set forth in the prior Office action paper number 07.

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 USC 103. This rejection is set forth in the prior Office action paper number 07.

NEW GROUND OF REJECTION

This Examiner's Answer does not contain any new ground of rejection.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENT

Appellants arguments addressed to the rejection of record have been considered, but the same are not persuasive. Appellants urging that the term "solid" refers to the polymer is not

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convincing, since appellant indicates in his Oath that the error which renders the patent claims inoperative is the recitation of the term "solid" where "liquid" should be recited for the pheromone. See page 4, lines 12-18.

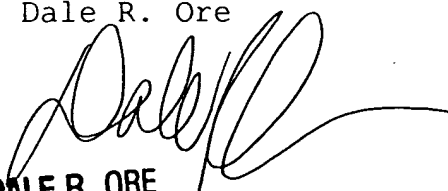
Appellants urging that the reissue declaration is not defective, because the pheromones recited are liquids is not convincing. See page 26, of the instant specification and page 4, of the Office action of 05/16/94.

Appellants urging that the disclosure of Ciba-Geigy fails to render the instant invention obvious, because the polymer is not crosslinked is not convincing. The entrapping polymer recited in the instant claims as drafted fails to exclude polymers prepared in the manner in which the Ciba polymers are prepared. The reference renders the instant invention obvious, since the ultimate utility is the same, i.e. the polymeric entrapment of an active agent. The routineer having the Ciba patent before him would be motivated to use various insect attractants and pesticides in a polymer entrapment to deliver such agents. Accordingly, the instant invention is deemed obvious.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

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